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An editorial special to the Free ress from Bennington announces that Editor Frank E. Howe of the Banner and Postmaster Collins M. Graves have gone to Brattleboro to investigate the trout fishing in Windham ounty under the special Windham ounty trout law. While neighbors may receive prompt evidences of the success of the expedition, the chanes are that an official report will be eserved for the next session of the Vermont legislature.—Burlington Free

No lengthy report is necessary. The only thing lacking to make the fishne season in Windham county a howl ng success is fish and we fear th ever, that the Windham county law is proving a success for that county and ought to be extended to the other

In the first place, with the season pening April 15, the fishing started ery gradually in Windham county and yet in the course of the month of big catches were made anywhere n the county, thus disproving the the out of the big holes where they lie in

the six inch law unless they suspecte they were being watched. Now I Bennington county the slx inch law i respect to the law but in behalf good sportsmanship.

No mere law alone can save the fishing in Vermont with the steadily There is need of much more stocking especially with fingerlings. We have hones that the new hunters' license law will furnish revenue to enable stocking on a vastly larger scale in the future. We believe too, that th season must be still further shorten ed that it ought to begin April 15 a it does now in Windham county and

close not later than July 1 Personally also we favor the per manent closing under heavy penalties of head streams and small tributaries where the trout breed but never attain any considerable size. With these permanent sources of supply provided for we would reduce the size limit to five inches in the main year if possible even if we had to pay a small fishing license to raise the needed funds. And on top of it all. there should be a general agreement among those who fish to obey the law and see that others do the same. With fishing in Vermont might be greatly improved and kept good not only for the present but for future genera-

The Banner is pleased to note that the Methodist church people were remarkably successful in their efforts to make headway in paying up the heavy debt with which the church is sons not members of the Methodist church. The other Bennington churches are, we believe, practically out of to all of them if they should join in and help the Methodists in lifting their load. A church badly in debt it is intended. We have our little church government but all desire the same end and the more cordial the rel ations the greater the degree of helpfulness between the several churches and denominations, Catholic and Protestant, liberal and orthodox, the better it is for all of them and the more actual Christian work they will do in



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Hundreds of Men in Battenkill Terri tory on Opening Day

The Bennington trout fishermen who went north into the Battenkill erritory Friday night for the opening f the trout season returned Sunday light. They report the fishing to be s good as usual but also say that the umber of men and boys on the treams was larger than on any open ng day in years.

Grant Harbour, of the party com osed of Dr. B. C. Jenney, W. H. Bradord, T. P. Gregg and Emory S. Hars, said that he never saw so many ishermen on Green river. Mr. Har our had with him at the time three these provisions we feel sure that the trout on a platter one of which weigh d 114 pounds and the other wo were not much smaller. Treno lregg said that he kept no fish less han seven inches in length and that e caught the limit in a short time. W. H. Bradford, who has been con fined to the house for a portion of the ime this spring with rheumatism, fill ed his six pound basket and came ome feeling better than at any time

R. B. Godfrey went to Manchester nd fished the Battenkill by boat to Arlington, capturing 27 fine trout on

Nearly everyone who went out on he streams in this vicinity on the opening day caught fish. The Main stream east of the village was the fa vorite water. H. J. Cole caught nine good fish out of one hole and was absent from home but a short time. F orning, walked as far into the wilterness as possible during the hours intervening before daylight and fished back home with 17 good trout in his basket. J. A. Jubb was one of the most highly elated men on the stream differences in form of worship and His catch of 20 good trout was the best he had ever made and he was happy. Claire Soule got a dozen good ish, James H. Whitney secured nine G. P. Endress brought in eight from short trip up the Main stream. Wilam Stewart of Lyons street at 6:30 n the morning had a six pound basket full of trout, one fish weighing a little over a pound. Charles Hodge caught six pounds in the lower river Wills T. White caught 16 fine fish Edward Moore's catch when dressed weighed three pounds and Willie Hol ster's basket was one of the best of he day. There were dozens of other atches made during the day of which e Banner has not been able to obtain efinite information but the general re sults show that Bennington county ssesses the best trout fishing terriory in the state.



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Convicted Murderer Objects to Barr Door Evidence

Rutland, May 17 .- The bill of exceptions in the case of the state against Elroy Kent, recently convicted of murder in the first degree, has been filed with County Clerk H. A Harman and it is expected that the case will be argued at the November term of the Supreme court. Attorney General John G. Sargent of Ludlow was in this city Thursday and he, with State's Attorney J. C. Jones and Attorneys E. H. O'Brien and John D. pellman for the respondent, com eted the bill and after it was signed by Judge E. I., Waterman was filed with the clerk. There are two prinipal exceptions, namely-to the inroduction by the state as exhibits the initials on the door of the Congdon barn and that of the door of the Buffman farm, on which initials were also cut and to the statement of the attorney general in his closing argu-ment as to the counsel for the re-spondent's attempting to fool the Elroy Kent was convicted of th

nurder of Miss Delia B. Congdon or July 24, 1908. He first entered a plea of not guilty and then a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The exceptions first state a summary of the case, saying that there were no eyewitnesses to the crime and the evidences was entirely circumstantial except for the admissions of the respondent. One of the first exhibits ntroduced by the state was the lawn mower handle from the state hospital for the insane upon which Kent had written his name in lead pencil. To this the respondent's counsel did not take exception. There was no objections to the introduction of he memorandum book taken from the pockets of Kent at the jail in Pitts field. The first objection along this ine was to the introduction of the lece of wood taken from the barn of the Congdon place which bore he initials E. K. The exceptions state hat Kent had been seen in this loality and that whittlings were found pon some hay which had been in ne barn only two days before the nurder. Attorney O'Brien for the de ense stated to the court when this was first offered that there had been o evidence offered to connect the espondent in any way with the said exhibit." The objection was overruled and exception noted. There was also objections and exceptions noted when the part of the barn door taken from the Buffum place was admitted

In the exceptions the respondents also claim that the letters on the awn mower handle are in no way similar or like the carvings offered

as exhibits. The second exception which will be offered is relative to the statement of Attorney General Sargent in his closng argument when he said that Kent ad succeeded in deceiving the officials at Windsor and Waterbury and that he and his counsel was now try ing to deceive the jury. Atorney Spellman objected to the statement at the time and that the court al owed it. Mr. Sargent refused to

withdraw the statement. It is very probable that these ceptions will be argued during the lovember term of Supreme court.

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tamentable lack of discipline. It was translation of it yet suggested isin this grade that printed reports wer first issued to the children. One day Tom came home, proudly bearing the first formal record of his progress it scholastic lines. His mother, having been a teacher, was pleased to not that her offspring's ratings were of high order, but his lawyer father, having scanned the slip minutely,

said gravely: "I don't see any record of deport ment here, Thomas." For a moment Tom looked blank

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the unknown term, then his face cleared "Oh," he said, "we don't have that in our room."-Delineator.

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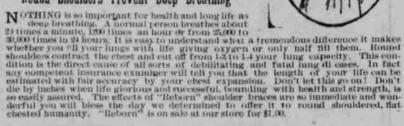
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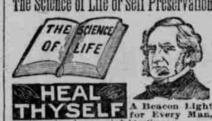
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word to be found in any dictionaryone that leaves even German an-Dutch hopelessly out of it-may be turned up in Liddell and Scott's lexicon by those who can read Greek characters. Those who cannot may be content to know that this word which begins "lepadotemachoselachoproceeds in like manner through 78 syllables, and counts 170 letters in all. Of course, no ancient Greek ever used such a word as this in ordinary conversation. It is a comic word invented by Aristophanes for rhythmical delivery in one of his plays and means a dish compounded of all sorts of fish, flesh, fowl and sauces, which are enumerated in the

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